

Ambulance Service Advisory Board
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Educational Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2016

A meeting of the Educational Standards Committee of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 1300, Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919. This meeting was held in accordance with Rhode Island open meetings law.

Agenda

- 1.) Establishment of Quorum- Sufficient members were in attendance
- 2.) Call to Order- 1301
- 3.) Announcements- Introduction of Membership
Michael DeMello, John Potvin, Leo Kennedy, David Savastano, Raymond Medeiros,
Thomas Caito, Jason Rhodes, Bethany Gingerella, Paul Casey
Guests: Marissa Laurent, Albert Peterson, William Howe, Paul Valetta Jr., Chris Goulette,
Dr. Bandy, Dr. Alexander-Scott
- 4.) Review/Consent Agenda- Motion to Accept Potvin, 2nd Kennedy. Motion carried
- 5.) Review of Minutes- Motion to accept Potvin, 2nd Savastano. Motion carried.
- 6.) Correspondence- Letter from Rick Blais, NEEMT distributed
- 7.) Old Business
 - a.) AEMT/EMT-Cardiac Testing- Review and discussion from Jason Rhodes as to the benefit of using the NREMT and its AEMT test process for new Cardiac students. The AEMT exam would be used for initial license only; it would be up to the individual license holder to decide if they want to maintain AEMT certification after the 2 years, or remain a state licensed Cardiac. The AEMT exam and associated testing centers will speed up the testing process for candidates. Recertification remains the same as current practice. Dr. Alexander-Scott, Director of HEALTH reassured the committee that no changes will be made without consultation of the ASAB. This fits the needs of HEALTH, and is acceptable to the RISAFF, RIAFC, RI League of Cities and Towns which were consulted with by Mr. Paul Valetta Jr.

Motion made by Medeiros stating, the NREMT AEMT examination process will be used for all Cardiac candidates, for initial licensing exams only. Upon successful completion

of the test process, candidates will be licensed as a RI AEMT-Cardiac for 3 years, and will not be required to maintain their AEMT registration as a condition of their RI AEMT Cardiac license; however individual candidates may choose to do so on their own. Motion 2nd by Potvin. Motion Carried unanimously.

b.) Other items of interest to committee members

8.) New Business

a.) Hybrid Course Delivery- Discussion ensued, ultimately left up to accredited institutions

b.) Other items of interest to committee members

9.) Adjournment- 1343